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JERUSALEM FOR AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: NGDS
TAGS: PEPR MILI EG IS
SUBJECT: ISRAELI MILITARY DELEGATION RETURNS

1. PRESS JULY 27 HIGHLIGHTS DECISION BY EGYPTIAN NSC
INSTRUCTING GAMASY TO CONTACT WEIZMAN TO TAKE MEASURES
TO RETURN ISRAELI MILITARY GROUP IN EGYPT TO ISRAEL.
AHAM PUBLISHES TEXT OF GAMASY'S TELEGRAM TO WEIZMAN
AS FOLLOWS:
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"TO: GENERAL EZER WEIZMAN
- ISRAEL DEFENSE MINISTER

"I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
HAS DECIDED TODAY THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR
THE ISRAELI MILITARY GROUP TO STAY IN EGYPT. WE HAVE

MADE PREPARATIONS FOR THE RETURN OF THE GROUP TO ISRAEL TOMORROW, JULY 27, ON AN EGYPTIAN CIVIL BOEING 737 TO TRANSPORT THE GROUP TO LOD AIRPORT."

2. MENA REPORTEDLY "LEARNED" THAT NSC TOOK DECISION "AFTER IT WAS APPARENT" THAT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT POLICY AS OUTLINED BY ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER IN THE KNESSET SHOWS THAT "BEGIN DOES NOT WANT PEACE."

3. COMMENT. PRESS REPORTED DECISION IN A STRAIGHT-FORWARD, LOW-KEY MANNER. DECISION LEAVES U.S. AS ONLY CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, AS WAS THE CASE PRIOR TO SADAT INITIATIVE. GOE DECISION IS REGRETTABLE, BUT IS MANIFESTATION OF DEEP EGYPTIAN FRUSTRATION WITH BEGIN'S RECENT STATEMENTS AND OF PRES-SURE SADAT IS UNDER EVEN FROM HIS SUPPORTERS WHO BELIEVE TO CONTINUE DIRECT LINKS WITH ISRAEL IN FACE OF BEGIN'S "INTRANSIGENCE" IS DEMEANING FOR EGYPT AND ARABS.
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